



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**November 1, 2013**

**UCAB's Land Use Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, November 4 7:00pm**  
**Sidney Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center**  
**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

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**The Germantown Indoor Swim Center**  
**will be Closed November 2-3**  
**For the National Age Group Swim Meet**

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*\*Entire facility closed \*All other programs cancelled \*Spectators are welcome*

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***Looking for a Short-Term Volunteer Project to Participate In?***  
**November 3-7**

Montgomery County is partnering with the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless to participate in the nation's "**100,000 Homes Campaign**." The project needs volunteers to help survey our homeless population in the county. While collecting demographic information, survey teams will be sharing information about services available to the homeless.

For more information, visit <http://www.mcch.net>

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**Wall Street Gives Montgomery County a Vote Confidence**  
**by Continuing Triple-A Bond Rating**

Wall Street's three major bond-rating agencies have reaffirmed their faith in Montgomery County's government, announcing that the jurisdiction would retain its Triple-A status. [Read full article from Washington Post.](#)

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## Update on road maintenance projects

Several **new road maintenance projects** by the Division of Highway Services are beginning in local subdivisions. The cooler fall temperatures are forcing Highway to wind down patching and paving roadway work throughout the county.

**Paving projects**, in which crews will resurface the local streets with hot mix asphalt:

\* **Stedwick Road in Gaithersburg East** will be resurfaced with work that began in late October. The project should be completed within approximately five weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

\* **Talley Lane and Talley Court in Gaithersburg West** will be resurfaced in early November. The project should be completed within approximately three to four weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

For more information on resurfacing projects throughout the county, visit the [Division of Highway Services' website](#) or call **311** (TTY, call 301-251-4850), Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

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### ***Announcement to Local Small Businesses!***

***A business opportunity ----- a coffee bar in the newly renovated Gaithersburg Library***

**The newly renovated Gaithersburg Library will feature a coffee bar and Montgomery County is soliciting proposals to operate it.** This solicitation is reserved for only self-certified local small businesses timely registered with the County's Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP). **The library is scheduled to reopen on January 4, 2014.**

An Informal Solicitation is a procurement accomplished without an invitation for bids, request for proposal, or request for expressions of interest. It is not subject to formal public notice. Departments will typically post informal solicitations for a period of five business days. If you have questions, please contact: [Stewart Whisman](#) at [stewart.whisman@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:stewart.whisman@montgomerycountymd.gov) For details, see Solicitation # [1035797](#) for the Gaithersburg Library Coffee Bar. **Proposals are due 10:00am on November 7, 2013.**

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**Public Forum on Sediment Removal Planned for Gunners Lake**  
**Thursday, November 7 7:00pm-8:00pm**  
**Sidney Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center (Room A), Germantown**

Join the Department of Environmental Protection at an open forum meeting to learn about the sediment removal and retrofit improvements planned for Gunners Lake in Germantown. This meeting will present the location of sediment removal, the lake retrofit, the construction schedule and impacts to residents around the lake. Residents will have an opportunity to learn more about the project and ask questions.

**For more information, please visit:** [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/stormwater](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/stormwater) **or contact:** Billy Whelan at: 240.777.7727 or [william.whelan@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:william.whelan@montgomerycountymd.gov)



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**Council's Schedules a Second Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Zoning Ordinance**  
**November 12 and 14 7:30pm**  
**Council Office Building**  
**100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

*You must sign up by 10:00am on the day you plan to testify. To testify call 240-777-7803*

The County Council will hold a second public hearing on proposed changes to the County's Zoning Ordinance starting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and continuing at the same time on Thursday, November 14. The hearing will address proposed changes to the recommendations of the Planning Board by the Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee and how the revisions will be applied. This hearing gives you a further opportunity to comment on changes proposed since the first public hearing in June on Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 13-04 and District Map Amendment (DMA) G-956.

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**Council Schedules Public Hearing on Ten Mile Creek Limited Amendment to the Clarksburg Master Plan**  
**Tuesday, December 3 7:30pm**  
**Council Office Building**  
**100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

*You must sign up to testify by 10:00am on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

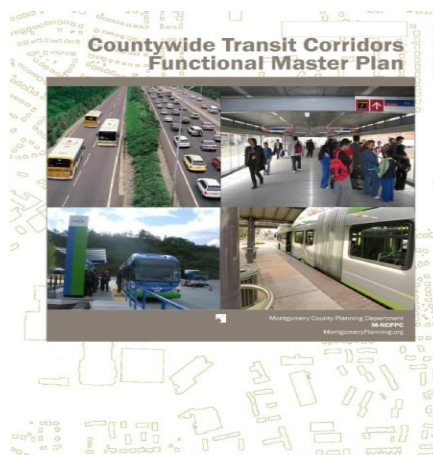
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**County Council Considers Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan**

Take time to review this important plan for improving transit throughout the County. Besides the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT), plans for the Upcounty region include route options for the Rapid Transit System (RTS) / Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The draft plans has **two segments that are of particular interest to the Upcounty; the MD 355 North and MD 355 South**. This corridor calls for the system to travel MD Route 355 (or Frederick Road) from the Bethesda Metro north to Clarksburg. One route option is to travel straight up MD 355 to Clarksburg. Another option discussed by the Council's Transportation & Environment Committee on November 1 has the route take MD 355 north, then take Middlebrook Road to Observation Drive to the new hospital, Montgomery College, and then take Goldenrod Lane to Seneca Meadows Parkway where the alignment would then connect to the already planned east branch of the CCT.

To see the Planning Board Draft of the Plan, visit <http://montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/highways/brt.shtm>

Let the Council know your thoughts and how this transit system can best serve you! Send your comments to [county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov).



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## Leggett Seeks Applicants for Agricultural Advisory Committee

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill seven vacancies on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Four positions are for bona fide farmers selected to represent the total farm community, and three positions are to be filled by non-farmers. Six incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment. The 15-member committee advises the County Executive and County Council on all matters affecting agriculture in the County. Membership includes farmers, non-farmers, and at least one farm economist and one conservationist.

Farmer representatives serve three-year terms and non-farmer members serve one-year terms. Members serve without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month in Germantown.

***The deadline for application is November 20, 2013. See press release for more information***

***[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/exec/vacancies/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13085](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/exec/vacancies/PR_details.asp?PrID=13085)***

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## **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Parade** **Saturday, November 23 10:00am** **Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring**

The local holiday season officially gets underway on Saturday, November 23 when the 16th Annual Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade steps off from Ellsworth Drive and Fenton Street in Downtown Silver Spring. Traveling the same route as last year, the parade will proceed south on Georgia Avenue, ending at Silver Spring Avenue.

See press release for details, [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13093](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13093)

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## **Leggett Celebrates Opening of County's Emergency Maintenance and Transit Operations Center -- a "Smart Growth Initiative" Project; Names EMTOC for David F. Bone, Planner and Original Architect of Ride On and Announces 40 New Ride On Buses**

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett celebrated the opening of the new David F. Bone Equipment Maintenance and Transit Operations Center (EMTOC) in Rockville with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 30. This is another of the Executive's Smart Growth Initiative (SGI) projects that is revitalizing an old industrial area by creating an urban village near the Shady Grove Metro station. Leggett's SGI is a cost-neutral strategy that will provide substantial economic opportunities for future growth while implementing the goals of the Shady Grove Sector Plan.

The facility name honors former county employee, David Bone who designed the Ride On bus program and route system. His family was present at the event and acknowledged by Mr. Leggett.

Read more at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13083](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13083)



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## Montgomery County Will Host Chinese Investors This Weekend

As a direct outcome of the connections developed from last month's China Mission trip led by County Executive Ike Leggett, Montgomery County was chosen as **one of only three site visits** to showcase investment opportunities to a group of select business executives from China this Saturday, November 2, after the delegation's participation in the "Select USA Investment Summit" sponsored by the U.S. government.

Read more, [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13094](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13094)

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## As Seasonal Time Changes, Drivers and Pedestrians Urged to Look Out for Each Other

October, November and December are the scariest time of the year for pedestrians in Montgomery County because pedestrian collisions have typically spiked during these months by nearly 40 percent. With the end of daylight savings time on November 3, less daylight hours contribute to the problem. **According to federal safety officials, 70 percent of pedestrian fatalities happen during the night time hours.**

Get tips at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13068](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13068)

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## Site Grading Begins at County's New Multi-Agency Service Park in Gaithersburg

This week, County representatives updated community residents on progress being made at the site on Snouffer School Road where several agencies' operations will be relocated: the Public Safety Training Academy, the Montgomery County Public Schools Food Distribution Facility, the Dept. of Parks' Maintenance Facility, and the Montgomery County Public Schools' Maintenance Facility.

To learn more about the project, visit

<http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/DGS/DBDC/RegionalProjectPages/UpCountyProjects/masp.asp>

If questions, contact: **Ali Davoodi, RA, Project Manager**  
[ali.davoodi@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ali.davoodi@montgomerycountymd.gov)  
240-777-6009



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***Don't forget to change your clocks and check your smoke alarms this weekend!***

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*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cshtml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases/](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases/)

***Also check out the latest from:***

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>